Utilisation of funds by NMDFC

2390. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be plased to state:

(a) the amount given to the National Minority Finance and Development Corporation during the period 2000-2001;

(b) the amount spent by the Corporation during the said period; and

(c) the details of the items on which the amount was spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Rs. 25 crore was released as Share Capital to the National Minorities Development & Finacne Corporation (NMDFC) by the Central Government during 2000-2001. NMDFC had disbursed Rs. 72.44 crore as term loan to about 20,000 beneficiaries through its State Channelizing Agencies and Rs. 1.00 crore as micro finance and Interest Free Loan to about 11,500 beneficiaries through Non-Government Organizations during 2000-2001.

Income and expenditure of Wakf Boards in the country

2391. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the income and expenditure of the Wakf Boards in the country during the period 2000-2001; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of welfare schemes in Himachal Pradesh by NGOs

2392. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs have been involved in the implementation of various welfare schemes/programmes in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance given to the State during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(c) whether Government have assessed the work of NGOs in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The details of welfare schemes/ Programmes implemented through the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the financial assistance given in Himachal Pradesh during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-01 are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme implemented through the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs) 1999-2000	2000-01
1.	Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities	32.42	15.85
2.	Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase of Aids/ Appliances	19.80	98.29
3.	Prevention of Alcoholism & Substance. (Drugs) abuse	0.00	5.54
4.	Grant-in-aid Programme for Assistance in the field of Social Defence	0.00	0.00
5.	Integrated Programme for Street Children	0.00	0.00
6.	Integrated Programme for Older Persons	7.07	4.88
7.	Assistance to Panchayati Raj Instts./Vol. Orgns./Self Help Groups for Construction of Old Age Homes/ Multi Service Centers for Older Persons	10.00	0.00
8.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Orgns. Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes	0.00	1.45
9.	Scheme of Assistance to Vol. Orgns. Working for the Other Backward Classes	0.00	0.00
10.	Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for the Other Backward Classes	0.00	0.00
11.	Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on Economic Criteria.	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL :	69.29	126.01

(c) and (d) Yes sir. This Ministry has assessed the work of NGOs and has not found any case of misutilising the Government's funds in Himachal Pradesh.

Under-utilisation of funds by States

2393. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States are unable to utilize the funds meant for the targeted groups; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Some States are not able to utilize funds meant for the targeted groups timely. Non-availability of matching share from the State Governments, non-submission of adequate proposals by the State Governments, and the delay in utilization of funds released earlier are among the main reasons.

Misuse of official aircrafts in SAIL

2394. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top executives of SAIL are misusing official aircrafts;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the precautions taken for non-occurrence of such activities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) SAIL has stated that there has been no instance of misuse of its aircrafts by top executives.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fire in VSP

2395. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the last week of June, 2001, fire broke out in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant causing heavy loss of crores of rupees;